

GERMANS LOSE 150,000 DEFEATING RUSSIANS

GREAT BRITAIN TO ANSWER PROTEST OVER BLOCKADE

London Government Indicates It Will Soon Make Reply to Representations by United States on March 30.

NEW TURN INCREASES HOPE OF SETTLEMENT

Negotiations with England May Pave Way for Agreement with Germany for Cessation of Submarine War

WASHINGTON, June 18.—A new turn was given to the war zone situation, involving relations between the United States and Germany and this country and Great Britain when it became known today that the London government has indicated that it will answer the American protest of March 20 against the British order in council. This report was of great interest to officials for it was agreed that the British reply might have an important bearing on the future negotiations for the freedom of the seas.

While this government had endeavored to deal independently and separately with the blockade and the German submarine policy, the Kaiser's government has insisted upon linking its submarine warfare with the blockade order of Great Britain and has argued that the United States should endeavor to bring about a modification of the British order in council. The two questions, therefore, have had a certain connection all along, despite the efforts of the United States to handle them one at a time.

If this country now should make progress in its negotiations with Great Britain it is expected here that such negotiations would reach a settlement and a hearing on the relations between this government and Germany and upon the German reply to the recent note of President Wilson.

There were no indications in official quarters here today that the German reply will be forthcoming within the next 10 days and prior estimates were that Germany will require at least three weeks to formulate its reply in order to make it correct.

Might Clean the Slate. This, however, does not cause pessimism among officials and their hopes are high that an amicable adjustment may be reached. A settlement of present difficulties existing between this country and England and the United States and Germany practically would wipe the diplomatic slate clean of trouble—except Mexico.

In regard to the German situation Washington still is interested in the published charges that a "hoax" was perpetrated on this government when it aided in the safe return home of Dr. Meyer Gerhardt, the Red Cross agent. The German ambassador has issued a denial of the story that the emissary of the embassy really was Dr. Meyer, a purchasing agent of the German army, and that this government was imposed upon. The German ambassador was so indignant over the story that he has sent word he would come to Washington to enter a personal repudiation of the charge at the state department.

While waiting a reply to the note sent to Germany, officials of the administration have been at work on the note to Great Britain relative to its detention of non-contraband shipments. Reports from London that the British government is preparing to answer at length the former communication of the United States on this subject will have the effect of holding up for the present the note in preparation.

Reason for Delay. It has been the desire of the administration to avoid clearing up of the situation with Germany before entering upon more extended negotiations with Great Britain. The possibility that Germany might suggest a modus vivendi for an abatement of the Kaiser's submarine warfare if the British order in council were revoked is one of the causes for the delay in the dispatch of the note of the United States to Great Britain.

Should the London communication arrive within a short time it is expected the American note now being prepared would have to be modified in accordance with the attitude of Great Britain as set forth in its rejoinder.

The United States has never admitted and is not expected to admit the right of the allies to hold up non-contraband commerce. It further objects to Great Britain's sweeping policy of holding up contraband articles when they are consigned to neutral ports and there is nothing to show that they are intended for an enemy of the allies.

These questions are regarded as of great importance by the United States and will take precedence in official affairs over the German situation. It is believed that the German situation is "settled" unless Great Britain means to make a stand which signifies an intention of modifying its order in council.

TERRE HAUTE GRADUATES 200. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., June 18.—Dean Shuler Matthews of the University of Chicago, today delivered the commencement address at the Indiana state normal school where 200 were graduated.

Latest Bulletins From War Zone

BERLIN, June 18.—Dr. Anton Meyer Gerhardt, special envoy of Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, held a conference with Dr. von Jagow, the German foreign minister, today. Dr. Meyer Gerhardt has been instructed to give no interviews to the press. He has now entered fully upon his task of explaining to attaches of the foreign office the exact attitude of the American people toward Germany.

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GENEVA, June 18.—Occupation of Gorizia (Gorizia) by the Italians is imminent. The Austrian defenses are being smashed to pieces by the Italian artillery.

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ROME, June 18.—An Austrian cruiser and four torpedo boat destroyers bombarded the Adriatic port of Fano today. The damage was insignificant.

BERLIN, June 18.—The British troops that attempted to drive through the German lines west of LaBasse, were nearly annihilated. Only a few succeeding in retreating, says an official statement issued by the German war office today.

It is admitted that the French penetrated the German line at some points east of Angres, south of Souchez and north of Ecurie in the Arras sphere of battle.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 18.—Continued bombardment of the Gallipoli peninsula by the Turks is reported in the following official statement issued by the Turkish war office today:

"Our batteries on the Dardanelles narrow, bombarded the enemy positions today. It says that again, throwing shells against the allies' artillery emplacements, their infantry camps and their ammunition transports. On the other fronts there is nothing to report."

LONDON, June 18.—Mining operations are being carried on by the Germans along the Belgian border, says the official British "eye witness" in a narrative dated June 15, and issued through the government press bureau today.

The inhabitants of Valenciennes, a French city within the German lines, has been completely isolated.

WILSON CLUB AFTER SECRETARY GARRISON

Great Display of Fireworks Will Feature Democratic Picnic Saturday, June 26.

Springbrook park, on the night of Saturday, June 26, will have much the same appearance as a European battlefield at night, according to the arrangements made by the fireworks committee of the St. Joseph County Wilson club.

The first annual picnic of the club is to be held on that day and the arrangements for fireworks calls for an expenditure of \$500 for that one item of entertainment.

The fireworks, of course, is to be only a small part of the day's program for there is to be speeches and music and eats and sports, in fact, everything that goes to make a big day. The presence of Sen. John W. Kern and Congressman H. A. Barnhart is assured. Because of a previous engagement for a meeting of the Indiana society at Lafayette, Vice President Marshall cannot be present, and it is not probable that Gov. Ralston can be present for the reason that he is now in California.

It is hoped, however, to have Sec'y of War Garrison for the occasion and the influence of Vice President Marshall and of Sen. Kern is being used to secure his presence.

As to music for the day, the entertainment committee now has in mind 15 bands which it is expected will be here. As to the eats and the sports, those in charge reserve the right to spring some surprises.

Mr. Reicht of Goshen, former 13th district chairman, will meet with the county chairman and the committee men at the Oliver hotel to plan district cooperation with the Wilson club in bringing large delegations to the picnic from all of the counties of the district.

The fireworks, which according to Samuel Schwartz, chairman of the fireworks committee, will be the most elaborate display ever set in the city, is to consist of 14 set pieces in addition to novelty pieces and much of other successful novelties, is dead at home here. Although her daughter was the most widely known of the "literary family of Reeds," in this country, Mrs. Reed herself was known the world over on account of her researches in oriental literature. Several of her books on the subject are used as text books in many colleges and universities.

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ITALIANS WIPE OUT BATTALION OF HUNGARIANS

Make Over 600 Prisoners in Bloody Fighting Northeast of Monte Nero—Austrian Working Parties Dispersed.

ROME, June 18.—The annihilation of a Hungarian battalion by the Italians in bloody fighting around Planinapole, northeast of Monte Nero, in the Carnic Alps, is officially reported today.

More than 600 prisoners, including 30 officers, have been taken by the Italians in the Monte Nero zone of operations.

The following is the text of the official communique issued by the Italian war office:

"On the frontiers of Trent and Tyrol there have been a number of small encounters resulting in our favor. A detachment of Austrians, advancing from Rovereto in the Adige valley, was attacked and defeated near Zugna.

"We have occupied Sasso and Albergo and Falezago in the Contean valley, taking 30 prisoners. The Austrians are proceeding to the artillery duel is increasing in violence. We dismounted several Austrian guns with our fire and dispersed working parties that were strengthening the Austrian works. Columns of Austrians upon the march were broken up by our fire. Shells Cause Fire.

"Although a strong wind has hampered aerial observation, we have been able to determine the destruction done by our guns at the fortress of Malborghetto.

"Our shells caused a fire in the passage way connecting the lower and upper works. The sun platform of a covered battery was seriously damaged.

"Late advices from the front continue to enhance the brilliancy of the attack made by our men in the Monte Nero zone on the night of the 15th. The assault was carried out under great difficulties and the men were subjected to a fierce cannonade. The Austrians were taken by surprise. The Italians have been increased to 600, including 30 officers. We also captured a great many rifles and two mitrailleurs.

"On Wednesday afternoon an Hungarian battalion made a violent attack upon our position at Zakrain, in the Monte Nero zone of hostilities, from the direction of Planinapole, but was repulsed. Counter attacks by the Italians resulted in the annihilation of the Hungarians.

Offensive Continues. "Along the Isonzo river, from our offensive is proceeding methodically. Our troops advancing in the vicinity of Plava occupied a great deal of territory after a long and sanguinary conflict. Our new positions have been consolidated and all counter attacks repelled.

"At other points on the Isonzo river front only long distance artillery duels are taking place.

"On Wednesday at Gorizia has been partly destroyed by our projectiles, and a string of railway cars were set on fire and burned in the resultant conflagration.

"Official dispatches from Udine state that the Italians are already attacking the Austrian outpost of Trieste.

B. D. ACKLEY SAYS SUNDAY PLAGIARIZED SERMONS. Former Secretary to Evangelist Says Baseball Preacher Used Others' Works.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 18.—"Billy Sunday's most effective sermons were plagiarized," said Bentley D. Ackley, former secretary to the baseball evangelist, made that statement today when he charged that the sermons Sunday delivered in his "New Birth" which seldom failed to reap a harvest of "sawdust trail hitters," was preached several years ago by Gipsy Smith. He further declared he himself took the sermon in shorthand when Smith delivered it at Winona lake.

The former secretary also alleged Sunday's sermon on the ten commandments was taken from the writings of Evangelist T. De Witt Talmadge and that "Chicken Come Home to Roost" was first delivered by Sam Jones.

MRS. ELIZABETH REED DIES. Author and Mother of Well Known Novelist Succumbs.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong Reed, 73 years old, mother of Myrtle Reed, the author of "Lavender and Old Lace" and a score of other successful novels, is dead at her home here. Although her daughter was the most widely known of the "literary family of Reeds," in this country, Mrs. Reed herself was known the world over on account of her researches in oriental literature. Several of her books on the subject are used as text books in many colleges and universities.

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SEVENTEEN ARE KILLED; STORMS SWEEP 4 STATES

Cloudbursts and Tornadoes Inflict Heavy Damage Upon Crops and Other Property, Kansas City Reports.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 18.—Seventeen persons are known to be dead and a score injured as the result of a series of tornadoes sweeping Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska last night. Wires in all directions are still down but delayed reports reaching here show much loss of life and great damage to crops. Wheat in the fields ready to be harvested has been beaten to the grounds and oats and corn washed out.

The table of dead follows:
Ogawa, Kans., 1
Westmoreland, Kans., 1
Nevada, Mo., 1
Richmond, Mo., 1
Harrisonville, Mo., 1
Beatrice, Neb., 1

At Ogawa a family by the name of Burress was almost wiped out, seven being killed and an eighth member being seriously injured.

At Westmoreland a railroad gasoline motor plunged through a bridge weakened by heavy rains and three were drowned. Five other persons in the car reached the bank in safety.

At Harrisonville and Beatrice men were struck by lightning and killed, while at Nevada and Richmond tornadoes wrecked houses and barns in a wide path near those cities.

The storm struck the edge of Richmond unroofing many buildings and putting the electric light and telephone systems out of business.

EMPORIA, Kans., June 18.—Four and one-half inches of rain fell here in the biggest rain storm that has visited Emporia for years. A high wind accompanied the rain and much damage was done, particularly to small buildings. Farmers in this neighborhood reported enormous damage to their crops.

CLOUDBURST IN NEBRASKA. OMAHA, Neb., June 18.—A cloudburst between Cambridge and McCook, Neb., hurried between seven and eight inches of water upon that section of the state. Heavy crop damage was inflicted by the rain. No loss of life was reported from anywhere in Nebraska today.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 18.—Reports reaching here from Topeka say a tornado struck Onaga, Kans., about 20 miles north of here last night killing several persons. The report cannot be confirmed.

POSTPONES HIS DECISION

Gov. Slaton Fails to Give Out His Verdict in Frank Case.

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MINISTER IS ARRESTED

Charged with Theft, He Declares He Bought Auto Light Tanks.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., June 18.—Rev. B. P. Clifton, 27 years old, Methodist minister at Insman and Salem, has been arrested at the home of his fiancée, Miss Ollie Hessler, daughter of a wealthy farmer near Hillsboro, charged with the theft of two automobile light tanks.

The tanks were subsequently returned to their owners and Clifton was arrested on a description by the express agent of the man who made the shipment. Clifton asserts he bought the tanks from a stranger. The accused preacher was a student at Wabash and DePauw colleges and has been in the ministry two years.

LEAVES STEAK, TAKES \$96

Elkhart Waiter Desert's Post and Cash Is Missing.

ELKHART, Ind., June 18.—When an employee of Tom Keeth's restaurant found a large steak and pan of potatoes burning on the restaurant range as he looked around for Charles Edwards, a waiter, who had been preparing the order, Edwards had left a few minutes before, telling another employee that he was going to a telephone office. When it was discovered that \$96 was missing from the cash register, Edwards, who had been employed in the restaurant but three weeks, has not been seen since.

DENY BECKER'S APPEAL

Ex-Police Lieutenant Is Refused Re-argument of His Appeal.

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THAW GETS JURY TRIAL

Question of Sanity Will Be Decided by Peers.

ALBANY, June 18.—Atty. John B. Stanchfield was given a decision over Atty. Gen. Woodbury today by the court of appeals, which decided that Harry K. Thaw may be tried as to his sanity by a jury.

When the lower courts so decided the attorney general appealed to the highest court, where he lost.

LOCAL PHYSICIAN DEVELOPS SERUM SAVING MOTHERS

Dr. J. B. Gookin of South Bend Pathological Laboratory Makes Discovery Regarded as Very Important.

South Bend physicians as well as central and middle west medical men are watching with interest results of experiments with a new serum evolved by Dr. J. B. Gookin of the South Bend pathological laboratory at Epworth hospital. Dr. Gookin's discovery if it proves as successful in the future as it has in the past few experiments, will doubtless be the greatest boon to expectant mothers in the history of the medical world.

Although Dr. Gookin has worked with his new serum for the past two years, no publicity was ever given it until today. It is intended to be handled very conservatively in the beginning," said Dr. Gookin. "But I have had such success with it in the few practical experiments made with it that I felt it might now be made public."

Dr. Gookin's serum has been used successfully in Illinois. A letter was produced from an Illinois physician who used Dr. Gookin's serum as a last resort, and with 24 hours brought about such a change in a patient's condition that she was miraculously cured. The Illinois physician stated it was a desperate case and the woman's life had actually been despaired of.

Technically the serum produces what is known as enzymes, an active agency which keeps the placenta free from poison. A few drops of the serum will produce 200 times as many enzymes as in a normal condition of the patient. It is intended to neutralize the effect of so-called "morning sickness."

Dr. Gookin produces his serum in rabbits. He employs a special method of adding in producing other serums, as diphtheria toxins, etc.

He began his experiments about two years ago, and continued them after coming to South Bend last February.

Dr. Gookin is a graduate of Illinois university, getting his degree in 1911. He was for a time connected with the Chicago health office, and later with the Ottawa, Ill., tuberculosis sanitarium.

RECENT VICTORIES IN GALICIA WERE DEARLY BOUGHT

Great Battle Developed on 40-Mile Front Near Swica River Where Six Armies Were Hurlled at Russians.

KAISER'S MEN SUFFER DEFEAT ON DNEISTER

Desperate Efforts of French to Smash German Line at Arras Culminates in Most Gigantic Bombardments in History.

PETROGRAD, June 18.—A supplementary official statement showing the staggering price in human life the Austro-Germans have paid for their recent victories in Galicia, was issued today by the Russian war office.

The Austro-German losses in one month over a 40-mile battle front in Galicia are estimated by the Russian war office at from 120,000 to 150,000 men.

The text of the communique follows: "A great battle developed on a 40-mile front between the Tyminica and Swica rivers where six Austro-German armies were hurled against the Russians. This battle has continued to spread since it started. Chief significance of the operations along the Stry river lies in the fact that the Austro-Germans were trying to turn our flank. Our front was opposed at the center by the phalanx under Gen. von Mackensen."

On May 15 the Austro-German army, closely following our troops which were retreating from the Carpathians, met our opposition in the region east of Drohobycz, Stry and Boholow."

Offensive Is Repulsed. "Toward May 19 the enemy brought into action all his forces but at the end of two days fighting he was compelled to abandon his offensive, having lost tens of thousands of men. His only success in eight days of fighting was the turning of our right wing near Slenko."

"During the next week we remained impassive, confining ourselves to exterminating the enemy as he approached our trenches. Then for four days the Austro-Germans conducted heavy artillery fire against our positions. On May 25, the enemy began a decisive offensive and the climax of the battle was rapidly reached. At the end of the fifth day of the engagement, a powerful force composed of three German divisions, succeeded at an incredible price and enormous sacrifice of human life, to carry Stry."

"During the exhaustion of the Austrians on the right wing of the attacking artillery, we assumed the offensive and drove them back on May 29, 31 and June 1."

"Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief, was undecided whether to attempt to turn the German wing that had broken our front at Stry, or to fall back upon the Dneister. The general situation in Galicia caused us to adopt the latter course."

Loss Several Thousands. "On the night of June 2 the enemy made a desperate attempt to break our bridge heads in the direction of Nikajow, losing several thousands of men. The principal attack was delivered by the Bohmer army (Gen. Boehm-Ermolli's army), which struck eastward. The attack against Zydzaczew was repulsed, but on the night of June 6 the Austro-Germans crossed the Dneister near Zorawno and towards June 8 held the eastern bank for a distance of 13 miles."

"On June 8 and 9 the bulk of the German forces suffered a decisive defeat and were thrown back against the Dneister."

"On June 12 the enemy began a new offensive with the remains of regiments, the chief attacks being directed along the right bank of the Stry river. The Hagat bridge heads near Zydzaczew. Towards June 15 the enemy again suffered reverses at Berenica and Krulowska. With the bayonet alone our troops killed 1,000 Germans who had thrown the white flag by firing after raising it."

"In this sector, between May 29 and June 15, we captured about 40,000 men and 200 officers, over 200 rapid fire guns and more than 24 heavy cannons. The total losses of the enemy on a front of 40 miles in one month is placed at between 120,000 and 150,000 men."

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